GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

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REQUIREMENT OF PRISMS IN DEFENCE SECTOR
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prisms are required in defence sector;

(b) if so, whether the prisms are being imported;

(c) if so, whether the prisms are available with B.O.G.L. in West Bengal; and

(d) if so, the reasons for not procuring the same from B.O.G.L.?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Yes, Sir. Various types of prisms in different shapes and sizes are used in various optical and electro-optical instruments required for the Armed Forces.

(b) Prisms for defence sector are made from glass blanks which are available from indigenous sources including Central Glass and Ceramic Research Institute (CGCRI), Kolkata and Bharat Ophthalmic Glass Limited (BOGL), Durgapur. Some of special optical glass blanks which are not produced by CGCRI and BOGL are imported.

(c) No, Sir. Only optical glass material for prisms is available at B.O.G.L.

(d) Does not arise.